

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application, which includes information cited in the International Search Report and International Preliminary Examination Report issued in connection with International Application No. PCT/KR99/00437 of which in the instant application is a National Stage Application.

Copies of the International Search Report (in English and Japanese) and the International Preliminary Examination Report (in Japanese) were submitted with the application when entering the National Stage. The Examiner is referred to these documents for the relevance indicated during international examination.

- (1) U.S. Patent 3,839,092;
- (3) U.S. Patent 4,065,606;
- (3) JP 3-119957, accompanied by an English language abstract; and
- (4) JP 48-35381, accompanied by an English language abstract.

Copies of the above-noted documents (except for the previously submitted International Search Report and International Preliminary Examination Report) together with a duly completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the

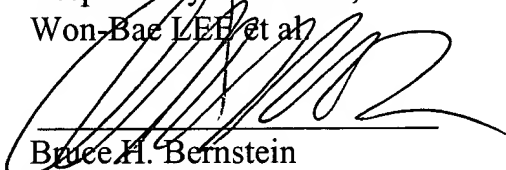
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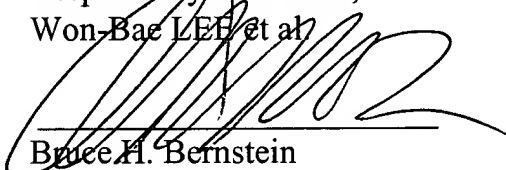
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1), this Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three months of entry into the U.S. National Stage. Accordingly, no fees are required.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

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